

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Please amend the following two paragraphs beginning page 8, line 16 and ending page 9, line 11.

In accordance with a second embodiment of this disclosure, a diminishing returns bingo game ~~resulting in a controllable disadvantage by an operator of the bingo game to a plurality of players~~ comprises in combination, a ~~random number generator~~ means for randomly generating a plurality of bingo cards to permit at least one player of the bingo game ~~each one of the plurality of players~~ to pre-select at least one a plurality of player bingo cards of the plurality of bingo cards and to permit the at least one player ~~each one of the plurality of players~~ to pre-select at least one a plurality of player patterns for ~~each one of the plurality of the at least one~~ pre-selected player bingo cards; and the ~~random number generator~~ means for randomly generating every bingo number of the bingo game to match to the at least one plurality of pre-selected player patterns so that the at least one player plurality of players realizes a plurality of diminishing awards as the quantity of randomly generated bingo numbers of the bingo game increases resulting in a controllable disadvantage predetermined by an operator of the bingo game.

In accordance with a third embodiment of this disclosure, a method for offering a diminished returns bingo game comprises the steps of randomly generating a plurality of bingo cards to permit at least one player of the bingo game ~~each one of the plurality of players~~ to pre-select at least one a plurality of player bingo cards of the plurality of bingo cards and to permit ~~each one of the at least one player~~ players to pre-select at least one a plurality of player patterns for ~~each one of the at least one plurality of pre-selected~~ player bingo cards; and randomly generating every bingo number of the bingo game to match to the at least one plurality of pre-selected player patterns resulting in a controllable disadvantage predetermined by the operator of the bingo game so

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

- 2 -

that the at least one player ~~plurality of players~~ realizes a plurality of diminishing awards as the quantity of randomly generated bingo numbers of the bingo game increases.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

- 3 -